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that we were going to have a study made. The Games and Park Commission agreed on that, the State Historical Society agreed on that and the State Planning Office agreed to that. Subsequently we had a report written. It cost about \$20,000 to make that report. So, I believe that the committee had a very good basis to come out with a bill in this session to solve these problems. I was very much disappointed to see that the committee chose to kill the bill. Now they come to us and say that they need another study. I don't really see why we need another study. We have had a study for \$20,000. I don't really care how the committee amends the bill, we just should solve the problems in this session. I don't see any point in having another study made. We have had the study, we all agreed on that and I think that the committee should go back and if they don't like the bill as it is written, LB835, they should amend it in some form and bring it out on the floor. Therefore, I would like to see this bill raised.

PRESIDENT: Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman I would like to ask just a couple of questions of whoever is in charge of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Constitutional Revision, I don't know if that is Senator Dworak or Senator George Syas, I just kind of forgot who was in charge of the committee so I could ask a question, either you or Mr. Dworak. Whoever, is the responsible guy. First of all, as I understand it and after briefly discussing it with Senator Bereuter, we did have a study commissioned to look into this particular purpose and that was by the State Office of Planning and Programming, the Department of Economic Development, the State Historical Soceity at the University of Nebraska and the Game and Parks Commission, is that correct?

SENATOR SYAS: That is the legislation as I understand it was passed and you did hire, the state did hire a person and I think that his name was Mattes or something like that that testified, yes.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: He did turn in the report to the committee that cost \$25,000 of tax payers money to study this issue, is that right?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, and unfortunately I think we could have done it for a thousand or so.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: So, a study has been done. Now Senator Bereuter's bill is a part of that study. Well, first of all are you familiar with the study?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Have you and your committee had an opportunity to look at it very carefully to identify problems....

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, are you familiar with the study?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, I am now.